

BIOGRAPHY

DENIS P. GALVIN

Denis P. Galvin joined the National Park Service in 1963 as a civil engineer at Sequoia National Park, California after completing a 2- year Peace Corps assignment in Tanzania, East Africa.

Subsequent assignments saw Mr. Galvin serve as an engineer at Mount Rainier National Park, Washington; in the Park Services' Southwest Regional Office, based in Santa Fe, New Mexico; as a training specialist at the agency's Horace M. Albright Training Center in Grand Canyon, Arizona; and as a management assistant at the New York District Office, overseeing park operations for units in New York and New Jersey.

In 1974 when a new NPS Regional Office was opened in Boston, Mr. Galvin became Associate Regional Director for Operations; 2 years later, he became Deputy Director for that region. From that post, he transferred to Denver, Colorado in 1978 where he was manager of the Denver Service Center. That office oversees most of the agency's planning, design and construction program.

In 1985, he was selected as Deputy Director of the National Park Service.

Mr. Galvin returned to planning, design and construction in 1989 when he was named Associate Director for Planning and Development. That position also included policy, information management, and land acquisition programs.

In September 1997, he accepted a re-assignment to Deputy Director.

He received numerous awards throughout his career. In 1991 he was honored with the Pugsley medal for outstanding service to parks and conservation. In 2001 he was given a Presidential Rank Award for exceptional achievement in the career Senior Executive Service.

Mr. Galvin retired from the National Park Service in January, 2002. Since then he has served on the board of the National Parks Conservation Association. He was a member of the Second Century Commission and served as a consultant on the Ken Burn's film "National Parks: America's Best Idea". The National Academy of Public Administration elected him as Fellow in 2011. In 2013 he received the George Melendez Wright Award for Excellence for his lifetime service on behalf of America's national parks.

A South Boston, Massachusetts native, Mr. Galvin is a 1960 engineering graduate of Northeastern University. His wife, Martha, is an artist and teacher with a Fine Arts degree from the Corcoran Museum. They have two children. Eileen, a graduate of Temple University, is a communications manager. Denis Brendan, is a graduate of West Virginia University, and is an Information Technology manager at Rice University in Houston.